

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2009. Claims 1, 4, 12, 15 and 26-37 were under consideration. Claims 1, 4 and 12 were allowed. Claims 15 and 26-37 were rejected. With the present response, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 15 and 26-37 are cancelled. New claims 38-54 are added.

Applicant submitted an IDS in May of 2009. It is respectfully pointed out that there is no clear indication in the record that this IDS has been considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a clear indication that the IDS of May of 2009 has been considered.

Beginning on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 15 and 26-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over an article attributed to Utley in view of an article attributed to Griffiths. With the present response, these claims have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection under §103 is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully submitted.

Beginning on page 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 4 and 12 are allowable. With the present response, Applicant has conformed to this indication to allowable subject matter by canceling the rejected claims. Minor amendments to the allowed independent claim 1 are being proposed herewith. These amendments are intended to clarify claim language and are not believed to significantly change the scope of what the Examiner indicated as allowable. New claims 38-54 are all dependent upon the independent claim indicated as allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the new claims are allowable at least for their dependence upon the allowable independent claim.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 12 and 38-54 are in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully Submitted,

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